

practical outcomes of the adoption of this amendment.

So I thank the gentleman, but, no thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion. Delegate Rybcznski.

DELEGATE RYBCZNSKI: On personal privilege while on the Needle amendment, Mr. Chairman, allow me to introduce to the Committee of the whole "Chief Judge" Phyllis Johnson who is the wife of Delegate Johnson, who is immediately above my left and their two children, Cynthia and Joseph, who, I understand, are commissioners in the court set-up at home. (*Applause*).

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question? Ring the quorum bell.

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment 21-B to Amendment No. 21. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment to the amendment. A vote No is a vote against. Cast your votes. Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote? The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 13 votes in the affirmative and 106 in the negative, the motion is lost, the amendment to the amendment is rejected.

The question now arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 21. Are you ready for the question? The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 21. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment, a vote No is a vote against. Cast your vote. Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote? The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 97 votes in the affirmative and 19 in the negative, the motion is carried, the amendment is adopted.

I take it Delegates Burgess and Burdette, you do not desire to offer your amendment?

DELEGATE BURGESS: That is correct, Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. The Chair is unaware of any further amendments to Committee Recommendation S&E-2. Are there any? Delegate Weidemeyer.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. President, I have amendment AP, which AP released, and I would like to offer that.

THE CHAIRMAN: For what purpose does Delegate Clagett rise?

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Parliamentary inquiry, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: State the inquiry.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Would it be proper to submit as an amendment section 7 of the committee recommendation as originally written?

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair rules that would be out of order.

The pages will distribute the amendment marked AP, as in able and Paul. This will be Amendment No. 22. The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 22 to Committee Recommendation S&E 2 by Delegate Weidemeyer: On page 3, section 6, Uniform Conduct of Elections in line 1 after the period add this new sentence:

"Such laws shall provide for the holding of primary elections in years in which the President and Vice President of the United States or electors for those offices are elected at a date prior to the holding of national party conventions providing sufficient time for the holding of State party conventions."

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment has been submitted by Delegate Weidemeyer. Is there a second?

*(The amendment was duly seconded.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment having been seconded, the Chair recognizes Delegate Weidemeyer to speak to the amendment.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. President and members of the Convention, this amendment does not change any of the wording of S&E-2. It merely adds a provision providing for the time to be set by the legislature for the holding of primary elections in presidential years.

I think in behalf of our major parties that it is necessary that the primary be held early enough in presidential years so that the people, the voters, in the Democratic primary and voters in the Republican primary, will be enabled to elect their delegates to the state convention and that that state convention may be held sufficiently in time in advance of the national convention.

Mr. President, I pause for a moment so that the delegates may hear what I have to say about this amendment because I think it is very important in the preservation of our two-party system. As it is now, as you know, the legislature puts a primary in September. If they do not change the law